

whereas Applicants' specification contains Claims 1-28. The groupings of starch and process claims do not match Applicants' grouping of process and product claims for the starch and flour and, in addition, omits the end use claims.

If restriction between product, process, and use claims was intended, the groupings should be as follows:

- Group I - Claims 1-12 directed to a process for making a thermally-inhibited starch;
- Group II - Claim 13 directed to a thermally-inhibited starch;
- Group III - Claim 14 directed to a food containing a thermally-inhibited starch;
- Group IV - Claims 15-26 directed to a process for making a thermally-inhibited flour;
- Group V - Claim 27 directed to a thermally-inhibited flour; and
- Group IV - Claim 28 directed to a food containing a thermally-inhibited flour.

Based on the above groupings, Applicants elect, with traverse, Claim 1-12 of Group I.

The Examiner has indicated that claims directed to a process for making starch are classified in Group 127, subclass 34 and claims directed to a starch are classified in Class 127, subclass 32. Applicants believe a complete search of the prior

art requires a search of both subclass 32 and 34. Such a search should not be unduly burdensome.

Respectfully submitted,

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